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To: [Card](#)
[Joan](#);
CC:
Date: 1/23/2015 8:04:40 AM
Subject: Re: Williston n d

Traffic is super slow on 36. How about 8;30

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On Jan 23, 2015, at 7:47 AM, Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

Got it. What time do you want EPR in your office?

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 7:45 AM
To: Card, Joan
Subject: Re: Williston n d

I want to get facts together -- [REDACTED]

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On Jan 23, 2015, at 7:42 AM, Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 7:37 AM
To: Card, Joan

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From: "Enck, Judith" <Enck.Judith@epa.gov>
Date: January 23, 2015 at 7:20:04 AM MST
To: "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Williston n d

Brine is a generic term that is often used to downplay toxicity concerns. It is important that the "brine" be tested. First question is was the discharge tested, who tested it, how many samples, where and then you get to estimating volume. There are reporting and clean up responsibilities for epa with toxic spills, not just petroleum spills. It sounds like this should have been reported to epa by the prp, including the national response center. States often tell epa that they have things under control and wave us off, but it's important for regional staff to find a way to insert themselves. A common dynamic is the prp asserts control, including testing. Essential that this dynamic is shifted so that the state or epa decides what to test, how many samples, etc. media will likely call your press shop today and ask the above questions.

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 9:12 AM
To: Enck, Judith
Subject: Fwd: Williston n d

Just got this from my Em Response lead.

Btw, it is brine (produced water) not oil spill.

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From: "Ostrander, David" <Ostrander.David@epa.gov>
Date: January 23, 2015 at 7:09:48 AM MST
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We have been in contact with NDDOH since the initial report about two weeks ago. I will get you a full history when I get in. We did not respond for two reasons: ND assured us several times they did not need help and there is little oil released only near the break and we do not have response authority. The volume estimate was updated yesterday to 70000 bbls which is generating the renewed interest.

David

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On Jan 23, 2015, at 7:03 AM, Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Sandy. Adding Suzanne and Art in case they know anything.

Joan Card
Senior Policy Advisor
EPA Region 8

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On Jan 23, 2015, at 7:00 AM, Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov> wrote:

Shaun

As soon as folks arrive this am we will get you the latest info we have. Should be within the hour.

Sandy

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From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 6:40 AM
To: Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Card, Joan; Thomas, Deb; Mylott, Richard; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Smith, Paula; Merritt, Steven; Williams, Laura; Chavez, Luke; Atencio, Kathie; Farris, Laura
Subject: Fwd: Williston n d

Can someone please provide me a status report on this brine spill in ND and our response ASAP?

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See that this ND brine spill was featured on TRMS tonight.

Please provide update ASAP on what EPA engagement is.

Thx

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Date: January 22, 2015 at 7:47:15 PM MST
To: "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>
Subject: Williston n d

Rachel Maddow had segment tonight that there is another pipeline spill of 3 million gallons of toxic brine. Today it was reported largest spill in North Dakota history. Blacktail creek to be drained by the pipeline company. Sounds very bad. Also said Bridger pipeline was built with faulty welding techniques according to inside climate news. Interviewed Elizabeth Douglas with inside climate news. U can probably see the whole segment on the shows website.

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